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- 25X11. The Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) is planning no large scale offensive in Haut Laos or in northwest Tonkin during the coming weeks. A supply problem prevents the large number of DRV troops remaining in Laos from waging an extended war of attrition. Instead the DRV will concentrate on the creation and extension of nets in Laos.
2. At the same time the DRV will try to pin down part of the French forces in the Thai country and Haut Laos in order to facilitate operations in the Delta and the Middle Region where regional forces will join guerrilla units in an effort to increase the number of guerrilla bases and to extend the area of guerrilla operations. DRV plans call for a number of small operations throughout the Delta and Middle Region, but no real front.
3. The DRV plans to use combined military, political and economic means to establish tighter control over the population in the French-controlled zone. The DRV will attempt to hinder the Tam government in its plans for mobilization, creation of commando battalions and an extension of administrative functions.

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